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1. EL DIARIO (DAILY) CARRIED FEBRUARY 4 FRONT PAGE ARTICLE
DATELINED WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 3, REUTERS, REPORTING THAT
GAO REPORT RECOMMENDS USG SHOULD CONSIDER SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION
IN ITS MILITARY ASSISTANCE LOAN TO BOLIVIA. PRESS ARTICLE STATES GAO
REPORT SAYS THAT UNNECESSARY BOLIVIAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT PURCHASES
IN THIRD COUNTRIES AT EXPENSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RAISES
SERIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT CONTINUATION OF US ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
AT PRESENT LEVELS AND CITES LARGE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT BOLIVIAN
AIR FORCE ACQUIRED FOR THIRD COUNTRIES WHICH " ACCORDING TO
US OFFICIALS" ARE NOT NECESSARY FOR BOLIVIA'S DEFENSE AND
STABILITY.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE TEXT OF THIS PART OF GAO REPORT SENT
TELEGRAPHICALLY. ALSO INDICATE ANY OTHER PORTION OF REPORT
THAT MIGHT CREATE PROBLEMS. STEDMAN

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